



Press Release

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Coast Guard crew rescues man overboard

BOSTON – Coast Guard crewmembers aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Ridley, an 87-foot patrol boat based in Montauk, N.Y., pulled a 20-year-old-man out of the water to safety at 11:08 a.m. today 12 miles southeast of Point Judith, R.I.

The Ridley, which was nearby on a routine patrol, responded to the call for help after Ronald Jessup, the master of the 44-foot lobster boat, Gillian, reported that his crewman had fallen overboard while setting a lobster pot at 10:50 a.m. They were the only two people on board.

James Addington, who went overboard, reportedly had fishing line wrapped around his leg when he was picked up but no major injuries were reported. He was not wearing a lifejacket.

Rescue boats from Coast Guard Stations Castle Hill and Point Judith also stood by to assist.

Crewmembers aboard the Ridley transferred the victim to a rescue boat from Station Point Judith for further transport to Emergency Medical Services. He was then taken to South County Hospital in Wakefield, R.I.

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